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1. During the period from 26 to 28 February 1951 the Bezirksleitung in Coburg of Organisation Uebergangsanweisung escorted 238 KPD functionaries to the Soviet Zone of Germany for participation in the KPD Party Convention. The entire operation was well planned and efficiently executed without interference of any kind by the police.

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2. In addition to this large-scale operation, several prominent KPD leaders from Bavaria and Wuerttemberg-Baden were taken across the border individually. Josef Wimmer, chief of the Control Commission in the KPD Landesleitung in Bavaria, Oskar Mueller, the first chairman of the KPD in Hesse, and Robert Leibbrand, first chairman of the KPD in Wuerttemberg-Baden, crossed the zonal border on 26 February 1951. (2) Karl Horn, organization leader of the KPD Landesleitung in Bavaria, crossed the zonal border on 27 February 1951. In view of the fact that he carried with him lists of all delegates from Bavaria and Wuerttemberg-Baden, his crossing was secured by four border guides. Several high functionaries of the Landesleitung Rheinland-Pfalz were also escorted across the border individually on the same day. Hermann Schirmer, the first chairman of the KPD Landesleitung in Bavaria, and Anni Finger, member of the KPD Landesleitung in Bavaria, crossed the border together on 28 February 1951. (3) Records pertaining to the KPD Party Convention were shipped to the Soviet Zone of Germany in a sedan which crossed the border between Burggrub (151/059) and Rothout (151/049).

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- (2) Comment: Oskar Mueller and Robert Leibbrand, chairmen of the Landesleitungen in Hesse and Wuerttemberg-Baden, have since been removed from their positions. Oskar Mueller was replaced by Kalus Weigle, who had been a member of the Landesvorstand in Schleswig-Holstein. Robert Leibbrand was replaced by Karl Weber, who had been section chief in the Landesvorstand in Wuerttemberg-Baden.

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- (3)  Comment: Anni Finger, residing at 22 Schnepfenreutherstrasse, Nuremberg, is a KPD member and Stadtrat in Nuremberg. She is also a member of the KPD Landesleitung in Bavaria.

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